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SEISMOGRAPH UNITS AND ALLIED EQUIPMENT VALUATION INSTRUCTIONS

The licensing method chosen by the owner(s) of a seismograph unit and allied equipment will determine the appropriate method of taxation.

<u>Seismograph units and their allied equipment are subject to the class 8 property tax under the following circumstances:</u>

- (1) If the owner applies for a Special Mobile permit for the unit.
 - The unit would be valued by depreciating the taxpayer's acquired cost of both the motorized chassis (truck) and the equipment using the depreciation factor from this schedule.
- (2) If the seismograph equipment is on a vehicle with a rated capacity of 1-ton or less.
 - This unit would be valued by depreciating the taxpayer's acquired cost of only the seismograph unit and allied equipment.

<u>Seismograph units and their allied equipment are **exempt** from the class 8 property tax under the following circumstances:</u>

 The equipment is mounted on or attached to a vehicle with a rated capacity of more than 1-ton.

AND

 The vehicle is properly licensed for use on the highway with all appropriate gross vehicle weight (GVW) fees paid.

Note: If you have any questions concerning the assessment of this type of property contact the central office in Helena.

Example: The taxpayer applies for a Special Mobile (SM) permit for a seismograph unit. The unit was purchased for cost \$58,000 in 2007. The allied equipment was purchased in the same year for \$29,000.

Seismograph Unit - $58,000 \times 57\% = $33,060$ market value Allied Equipment - $29,000 \times 71\% = \frac{$20,590}{$53,650}$ market value

 $$53,650 \times 3\% = $1,610$ taxable value

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SEISMOGRAPH UNITS AND ALLIED EQUIPMENT DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

This schedule is to be used from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, (reference ARM 42.21.137).

The following schedules will be used to arrive at market value when assessing seismograph units and their allied equipment.

SEISMOGRAPH UNITS

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SEISMOGRAPH ALLIED EQUIPMENT

YEAR <u>ACQUIRED</u>	TRENDED <u>% GOOD</u>		
2009	100%		
2008	85%		
2007	71%		
2006	57%		
2005	39%		
2004	25%		
2003 and older	6%		

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Property Type	Code	Class	<u>Percentage</u>
Seismograph Rigs and Equipment	6521	8	3%